

First “Ramon y Cajal” French-Spanish Summer Course on Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Topic: Basal Ganglia and Parkinson’s disease
Collège d’Espagne (Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris)
Paris, July 23-27th, 2007

TECHNICAL REMARKS

Aims:

The Ramón y Cajal French-Spanish course aims to:

- Bring basic neuroscience research closer to clinical neurologists and *vice-versa*;
- Provide basic researchers with a clinical perspective;
- Explore and discuss new treatment options to our patients.

Such courses are necessary to ensure that the research carried out in all disciplines have the same aim and bear positive results.

By sharing our knowledge, progress in finding new cures to the devastating diseases mentioned will be more focused and rapid. The great prestige of both basic and clinical neuroscientists in France and Spain should contribute to the success of the course.

All the sessions of the course will be taught in English.

The venue of the “Ramon y Cajal” Summer Course will be the Collège d’Espagne, Paris (CIUP).

All the participants (teachers and students) will live in the same place:

Collège d’Espagne (Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris). 7E, Bd. Jourdan. 75014 – Paris.

The four Scientific Societies (*Sociedad Española de Neurociencia, Sociedad Española de Neurología, Société Française des Neurosciences and Société Française de Neurologie*) have already given their permission and quality stamp for this course.

This First “Ramon y Cajal” Summer Course will be dedicated to Basal Ganglia and Parkinson's disease but we have already started the preparation of the Second Course for next year 2008, with a new topic: “Alzheimer's disease and other dementias”.

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Students:

20 students will be selected by a committee in each Scientific Society: only 5 students from each Society will be selected for the course.

An intermediate level of knowledge of English is compulsory.

Applicants (students) must submit:

- A photocopy of their identity card or passport.
- A letter of motivation.
- A short CV including: studies and year of degree, research topic, graduate courses, publications, fellowships and contracts.
- For those doing a PhD, a report from the Thesis Supervisor.
- A certificate of English knowledge.

Application deadline: June 15th, 2007.

Send the applications (in PDF format) to:

* France: marie.vidailhet@sat.ap-hop-paris.fr or hirsch@ccr.jussieu.fr

* Spain: mtherrer@um.es

Participants Research Project Prize

The 20 students will be divided in five teams of 4 people on each.

Every team (research group) will be integrated by two neuroscientist and two neurologists (2 of them will be French and 2 Spanish).

The 5 teams will meet on the early evening on July 22nd in order to define and organize the team work and lines of research.

With the help of tutors from each country, each team must organize a research project on Parkinson's disease with a traslational perspective (bench-to-bed research).

The projects will be presented and discussed on late afternoon Thursday 26th.

The best Research Project will be selected and the four winners of the team will be given a special prize by NOVARTIS, Neuroscience - Spain.

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- Collège d'Espagne (CIUP).
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- Sociedad Española de Neurociencia.
- Sociedad Española de Neurología.
- Société Française de Neuroscience.
- Société Française de Neurologie.

Clinical and Basic Neuroscientists from both countries:

(in alphabetical order)

- Yves Agid. Professor of Neurology. University of Paris VI. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière.
- Valerie Cochen. Neurologist. Movement Disorders Group. University Toulouse III.
- Christelle Baunez. Research Director. University of Provence. Marseille.
- Philippe Damier. Professor of Neurology. University of Nantes.
- Bruno Dubois. Professor of Neurology. Director of Language Center. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière.
- Carine Carachi. Neurosurgery Department. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière. Paris.
- Alexis Elbaz. Research Director. INSERM U360. Neuroepidemiology. Paris.
- Justo García de Yébenes. Professor and Director of Neurology. Ramon y Cajal Hospital. Madrid.
- Pedro García Ruiz. Coordinator Movement Disorders Group. Fundación Jiménez Díaz. Madrid.
- Francisco Grandas. Neurologist. Movement Disorders Group. Gregorio Marañón Hospital. Madrid.
- Andreas Hartmann. Director of the Centre d'Investigation Clinique. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière.
- María-Trinidad Herrero. Professor of Human Anatomy. School of Medicine. University of Murcia.
- Etienne Hirsch. First Class Research Director (HEC3) CNRS. Director of INSERM U679. Paris.
- Jaime Kulisevski. Associate Professor of Neurology. Movement Disorders Group. Sant Pau Hospital. Barcelona.
- Stéphane Lehericy. Professor of Neuroradiology. Univ. of Paris VI. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière.
- Gurutz Linazasoro. Associate Professor of Neurology. Movement Disorders Group. Quiron Hospital. San Sebastián.
- Rosario Luquin. Associate Professor of Neurology. Clínica Universitaria de Navarra. Vicepresident of the Spanish Society of Neurology.
- José López-Barneo. Professor of Physiology. University of Sevilla. Director of CIBERNED.
- Pedro R. Lowenstein. Director. Board of Governors Gene Therapeutics Research Institute. Cedars-Sinai Hospital. Professor in Gene Therapeutics. UCLA. Los Angeles.
- Pablo Martínez Martín. Director of Neuroepidemiology. Instituto Carlos III. Scientific Director of Research. Fundación Reina Sofía.
- Patrick Michel. Senior researcher. INSERM U 679. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière. Paris.
- Pablo Mir. Neurologist. Movement Disorders. Virgen del Rocío Hospital. Sevilla.
- Julian Pérez-Gil. Director. CIEN Foundation. Instituto Carlos III. Spanish Ministry of Health.
- Jordi Perez i Tur. Professor of Genetics. University of Valencia.

- Danielle Seilhan. Professor of Neuropathology. University of Paris VI. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière.
- Marie Vidailhet. Professor of Neurology. University of Paris VI. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière.
- Miquel Vila. Professor of Research. ICREA. Vall d'Hebron Hospital. Barcelona.

Tutors:

- Juan Andrés Burguera. Neurologist. Movement Disorders Group. La Fe Hospital. Valencia.
- Alfonso Castro. Neurologist. Movement Disorders Group. Associate Professor of Neurology. University Santiago de Compostela.
- José Chacón. Neurologist. Movement Disorders Group. Virgen del Rocío Hospital. Sevilla.
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- Rita Raisman-Vozari. Researcher Director. U679. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière. Paris.
- Merle Ruberg. Researcher Director. U679. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière. Paris.
- Giovanni Stevanin. Researcher Director. U679. Hôpital de la Salpêtrière. Paris.
- Sheela Vyas. Neuroscientist. Collège de France.
- Jerôme Yelnik. Researcher Director. Pavilion Claude Bernard. Paris.
